

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF THE FEDERAL GIFT SHOP TAX ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to introduce the Federal Gift Shop Tax Act, which would allow state and local governments to impose a sales tax at gift shops on federal property. These governments would be able to generate millions of dollars in new tax revenue.

When the federal government engages in activity that is not inherently governmental, such as operating a gift shop, there is no reason to exempt customer purchases from a sales tax. The items sold at federal gift shops, such as jewelry, apparel, accessories, games and books, would be subject to sales tax if sold on private property. Customers are often unaware of the exemption from sales tax at gift shops on federal property, so the introduction of a sales tax is unlikely to have a significant impact on gift shop sales. It would, however, create a valuable revenue stream for state and local governments. In addition, state and local governments often provide uncompensated services for federal property, such as fire service, and allowing them to impose a sales tax at gift shops on federal property would allow them to recoup some of these costs.

This bill is of particular importance to the District of Columbia, which is home to a number of gift shops on federal property, such as at the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE WELLINGTON-NAPOLEON LADY TIGERS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Class 2 State Championship won by the Wellington-Napoleon Lady Tigers basketball team. Such an achievement is the result of strong leadership and years of dedication from players and coaches alike, and it is truly an honor to recognize this exemplary group of athletes from the Fifth District of Missouri.

After falling just 7 points short of a state championship 1 year ago, the motto for the entire team all year long has been "unfinished business." This sense of drive and determination to not only return to the state championship game, but to cut down the nets this time around, was reflected in the team's dominant

season, with 28 victories and a mere two losses. Winning their last 19 games in a row, the Lady Tigers earned a reputation as one of the most fiercely competitive teams throughout the State of Missouri. Led by Head Coach Andy Hampton, the Wellington-Napoleon girls basketball team faced off against the Ellington Whippets in a rematch of last year's title game on Saturday, March 12, at the JQH Arena in Springfield, Missouri. This year, however, the Lady Tigers prevailed.

Playing exceptional defense for the duration of the game, Wellington-Napoleon kept the Whippets from scoring a single field goal throughout the third quarter while only allowing three baskets in the entire second half. The Lady Tigers' seven blocks and nine steals were backed up by outstanding offensive performances from Ayden Shannon, Bree Shannon, and Kaylin Ellensohn, who scored 46 of their team's 52 points. Fulfilling their ultimate goal for the season, the Wellington-Napoleon girls basketball team won the Class 2 State Championship in decisive fashion, with a 52-31 victory over Ellington. With the state trophy making its way home to Wellington-Napoleon, it brings me great joy in saying that hard work and dedication has paid off once again. This victory marks the first state championship this program has won, but I have no doubt that more will follow.

The Lady Tigers' tremendous success this season is just one of many achievements to come for the players and the coaching staff. One of the remarkable aspects of competitive athletics is that it opens up a wide range of opportunities in other walks of life. Some of these young women will continue their basketball careers at colleges and universities; all of them will hold and cherish memories from their time at Wellington-Napoleon, where they learned what it meant to work as a team in pursuit of a common goal. Indeed, these life lessons will only prove more valuable as time goes on. I am proud of everyone who made this season possible—from the players and their parents, to the coaches and the loyal fans—and I look forward to seeing where life takes each of these promising student-athletes. I wish all of these young women the best of luck going forward, and once again I want to express how extraordinarily proud I am of this team and their achievements. On behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, congratulations on such a successful season.

Madam Speaker, please join with me in celebrating the Wellington-Napoleon Lady Tigers basketball team and the State Championship they have brought home. Here's to taking care of business.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I

been present, I would have voted Nay on Roll Call No. 74.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S.-BANGLADESH BILATERAL RELATIONS

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 21, 2022

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the upcoming Independence and National Day of Bangladesh and the 50th Anniversary of U.S.-Bangladesh bilateral relations.

Bangladesh is a beacon in a region which has historically and even currently today been marred with conflict. Despite these challenges, Bangladesh has held firm as a democracy which is why our countries cooperate so closely on a range of issues, including economic development, security, and governance. As our countries progress and meet new challenges, our bond remains strong as evidenced by our collaboration as the world confronts the challenges of COVID-19, counter-terrorism, and more.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating this remarkable milestone between our two countries and the independence and achievements of Bangladesh. Our nations have accomplished a great deal together for the advancement of freedom, and as our relationship proves its strength as we confront new challenges in the 21st century, I am excited for what the future holds for our two great nations.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

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MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 23

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine developing next generation technology for innovation.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine promoting American energy security by facilitating investments and innovation in climate solutions.

SD-406

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider S. 3666, to require reports on the adoption of a cryptocurrency as legal tender in El Salvador, S. 816, to amend the Diplomatic Security Act of 1986 to provide for improved serious security incident investigations, S. 3199, to promote peace and democracy in Ethiopia, S. 3491, to establish a commission to reform and modernize the Department of State, S. 3492, to address the importance of foreign affairs training in national security, S. 3591, to strengthen the bilateral partnership between the United States and Ecuador in support of democratic institutions and rule of law, sustainable and inclusive economic growth, and conservation, S. J.Res. 17, requiring the advice and consent of the Senate or an Act of Congress to suspend, terminate, or withdraw the United States from the North Atlantic Treaty and authorizing related litigation, S. Res. 427, to commemorate the 30-year anniversary of the 1991 Paris Peace Agreements with Cambodia and to call upon all signatories to those Agreements to fulfill their commitments to secure a peaceful, prosperous, democratic, and sovereign Cambodia, S. Res. 446, commending the Government of Lithuania for its resolve in increasing ties with Taiwan and supporting its firm stance against coercion by the Chinese Communist Party, S. Res. 456, expressing support for a free, fair, and peaceful December 4, 2021, election in The Gambia, S. Res. 473, expressing the sense of the Senate on the necessity of maintaining the United Nations arms embargo on South Sudan until conditions for peace, stability, democracy, and development exist, S. Res. 503, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of the People's Republic of China should immediately guarantee the safety and freedom of tennis star Peng Shuai, S. Res. 547, recognizing the 201st anniversary of Greek Independence and celebrating democracy in Greece and the United States, S. Con. Res. 20, condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan, Treaty Doc. 112-8, the

Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Chile for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital, signed in Washington on February 4, 2010, with a Protocol signed the same day, as corrected by exchanges of notes effected February 25, 2011, and February 10 and 21, 2012, and a related agreement effected by exchange of notes (the "related Agreement") on February 4, 2010, the nominations of Deborah E. Lipstadt, of Georgia, to be Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, with the rank of Ambassador, Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Near Eastern Affairs), and Douglas T. Hickey, of Idaho, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, all of the Department of State, and Maria Fabiana Jorge, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director, and Leopoldo Martinez Nucete, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director, both of the Inter-American Development Bank.

S-116

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine strengthening Federal mental health and substance use disorder programs, focusing on opportunities, challenges, and emerging issues.

SD-430

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine the importance of home-based services, focusing on an economy that cares.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities

To hold hearings to examine strategic competition and security cooperation in the Western Hemisphere.

SR-222

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1397, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to the collection and availability of health data with respect to Indian Tribes and Tribal organizations, S. 3168, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to modify the enforceability date for certain provisions, S. 3308, to authorize the Colorado River Indian Tribes to enter into lease or exchange agreements and storage agreements relating to water of the Colorado River allocated to the Colorado River Indian Tribes, S. 3443, to extend Federal recognition to the MOWA Band of Choctaw Indians, S. 3773, to authorize the leases of up to 99 years for land held in trust for the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, and S. 3789, to amend the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience Act to authorize grants to Indian tribes, tribal organizations, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters.

SVC-217

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russian imperialism in Ukraine and beyond.

SD-562/VTC

3 p.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine improving the VA's Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

SR-418

MARCH 24

9 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To continue hearings to examine the nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

SH-216

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine strengthening oversight and equity in the appraisal process.

SD-538

11 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To receive a briefing on U.S.-Taiwan policy.

TBA

MARCH 29

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine the Defense Health Program.

SD-192

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the strategic importance of the Freely Associated States to the United States and our allies in the Indo-Pacific region, including the Compacts of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

SD-366

APRIL 7

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Philip S. Goldberg, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, MaryKay Loss Carlson, of Arkansas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines, and Marc B. Nathanson, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

SD-419